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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mie YOSHINO, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

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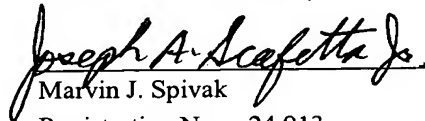
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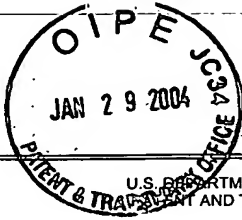
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

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